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NBI Subscription Service Announcement 20191108

National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) – Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

The purpose of this NBI Subscription Service Announcement is to provide information to NBIS Program Managers, NBIS Team Leaders and others involved in the bridge inspection program of proposed changes to the NBIS in the Federal Register.

The NPRM to update the NBIS regulation for highway bridges is expected to be viewable on November 8, 2019 and officially published on November 12, 2019. The NPRM is proposing updates to the NBIS aligned with the direction from Congress when the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) was enacted and to incorporate changes and lessons learned since the last update in 2004.

The FHWA Office of Bridges and Structures is offering an external webinar with stakeholders to share information on what is in the NPRM. Below are the details for this webinar including the registration link:

NPRM Webinar

November 13, 2019, 12:30-2:00pm CT

Registration Link:

<https://collaboration.fhwa.dot.gov/dot/fhwa/WC/SitePages/Register.aspx?WCID=2209>

The comment period for the NPRM will be 60 days from the date the document is published on the Federal Register (<https://www.federalregister.gov/>). The IDOT Bureau of Bridges & Structures will compile comments/feedback from IDOT staff for submittal to the FHWA. Other state agencies, local public agencies, consulting firms, and others are encouraged to direct comments/feedback to your respective State/National organizations, e.g., IACE, NACE, TOI, IML, ACEC, etc., for submittal to the FHWA.

Comments/feedback must be submitted to the FHWA by no later than January 10, 2020.

The FHWA is looking forward to hearing from stakeholders on the changes proposed in the NPRM and want to hear both positive comments and constructive suggestions to improve the details for the Final Rule.

Questions regarding this NBI Subscription Service Announcement are to be directed to the Bridge Management and Inspection Unit by telephone at 217/785-4537 or by email at DOT.BBS.BridgeMgmt@illinois.gov.